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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU, US

SUBJECT: LETTER OF OFFER FOR AIM-9 MISSILES FOR A-4
PROGRAM

1. ON OCTOBER 10, WE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FMS CASE
AAG-P-5 VALUED AT DOLS 32.6 MILLION, WHICH COVERS AIM-9
(SIDEWINDER) MISSILES FOR THE KUWAIT A-4 PROGRAM. IF NO
CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTION IS MADE WITHIN 20 DAYS, YOU WILL
BE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE THE CASE TO GOK (UNSIGNED COPY OF
LETTER OF OFFER POUCHED TO YOU IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.)

2. PRICE DATA IN THIS CASE EXPIRES NOVEMBER 1. IF LETTER
IS NOT SIGNED BY THEN, GOK WILL BE LIABLE FOR MAJOR IN-
CREASE IN COST OF THESE WEAPONS. IN ORDER MAKE MAXIMUM
EFFORT TO AVOID THAT INCREASE, YET CONFORM STRICTLY WITH
CONGRESSIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, YOU SHOULD PROVIDE
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GOK WITH COPY INFORMALLY AND POINT OUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF

DELAY IN THEIR SIGNING BEYOND NOVEMBER 1. YOU SHOULD
FURTHER ADVISE THEM THAT LETTER IS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS AND
THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO WAY TO PREDICT WHETHER OR
NOT THERE WILL BE CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTION, WE WOULD
EXPECT IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS TO BE ABLE TO
AUTHORIZE YOU TO FORMALLY ISSUE THE LETTER TO GOK ON OR
ABOUT OCTOBER 31. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HOPE GOK WILL TAKE

OPPORTUNITY TO SCRUTINIZE THE UNSIGNED LETTER WITH A VIEW
TO BEING PREPARED TO SIGN THE FORMAL LETTER OF OFFER WHEN
THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD HAS ELAPSED. THE UN-
SIGNED LETTER IN YOUR POSSESSION IS, OF COURSE, IDEN-
TICAL WITH THAT WHICH WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THE 20-DAY
PERIOD, ASSUMING NO CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTION.
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